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EVIL ERNIE

VAMPIRE VENGEANCE PART I

"A Stranger on the town"

Story So Far

In Evil Ernie: Destroyer, "Evil" Ernest Fairchild, accompanied by Smiley The Psychotic Button, and the vampire assassin Chastity, achieved his goal of pushing Megadeath to the next level. Having obtained the launch codes for a dozen nukes, Evil Ernie has started the first round of World War III: parts of Australia, Africa, and the Middle East are nothing but radioactive rubble, and the rest of the free world teeters on the brink of Chaos!

However, not everything is going to plan. Aware he may have lost his true love, Lady Death, Evil Ernie is exploring a new relationship with Chastity who has fallen in love with him. Torn between his love for Lady Death and his new-found feelings for his vampire companion, Evil Ernie monitors the global situation and is currently planning his next move.

But someone else has other plans for Evil Ernie -- the ancient Egyptian vampiress, Purgatori!

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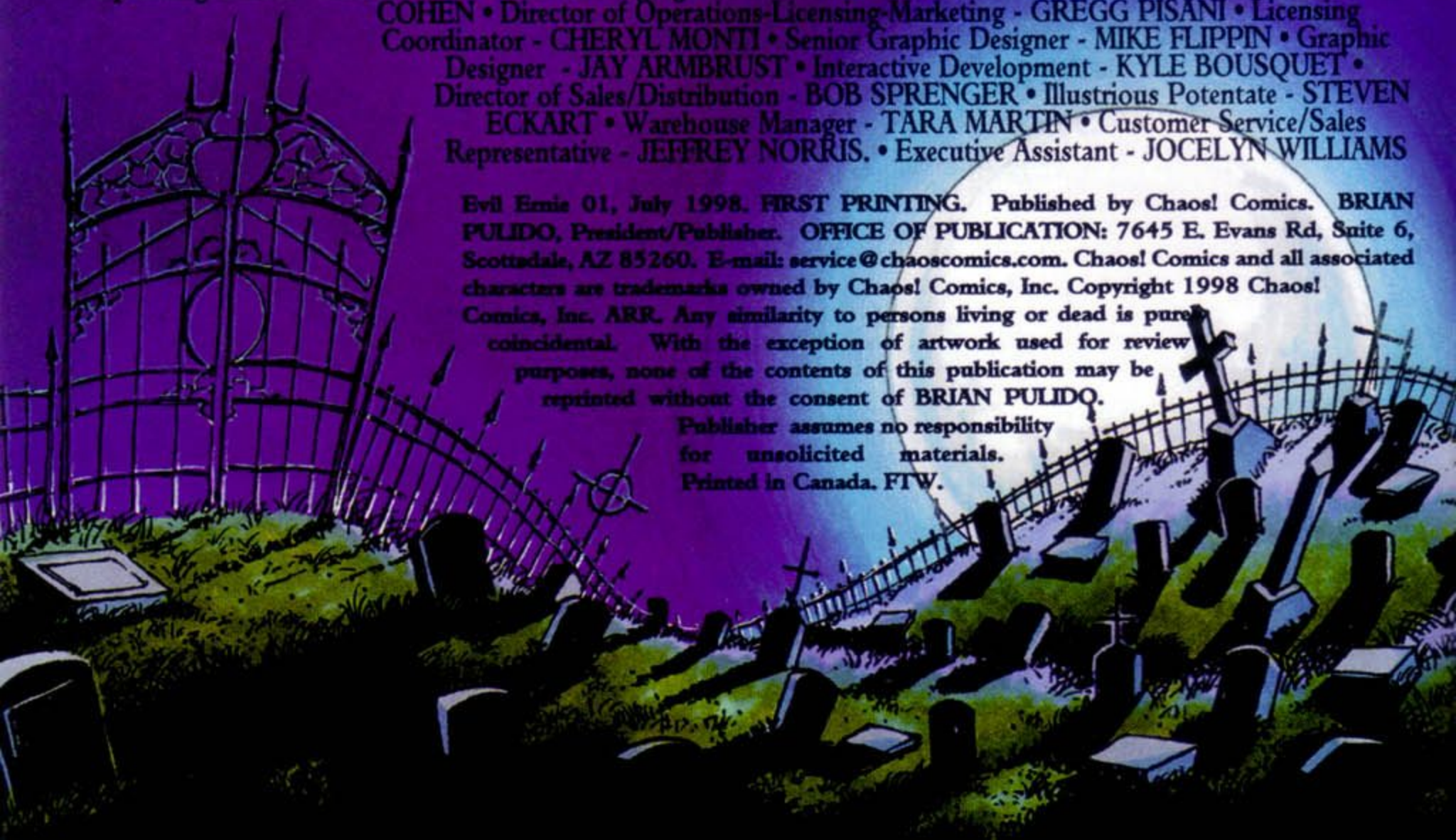
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THE MASQUE OF
THE DEATH CLUB.
LOS ANGELES. SUMMER.

HE IS A STRANGER
HERE. AND THIS IS NOT
HIS KIND OF TOWN.

HE HAD PLANS BACK EAST,
BUT THEY WERE DERAILED
A FEW DAYS AGO.

HE'S LOST SOMEONE HE CARES
ABOUT. HE DOESN'T WANT TO
ADMIT IT -- THE CARING, NOT THE
LOSING, LOSING SOMEONE HAS
BECOME THE CHORUS OF HIS LIFE.

IT IS SAID THERE'S A THIN LINE
BETWEEN LOVE AND HATE. TO HIM, THE EMOTIONS
ARE ONE AND THE SAME. HIS LOVE IS
STRONG, FEEDING HIS HATE. HATRED
FOR THE LIVING -- THOSE WHO STAND
IN THE WAY OF HIS LOVE.

HE WILL FIND THE
WOMAN TAKEN FROM
HIM. AND WHEN HE
DOES -- GOD HELP
THE CITY OF ANGELS...

CARE
TO LIGHT MY
FIRE, SIR?

DON'T
SMOKE.

I HAVEN'T
SEEN YOU HERE
BEFORE. DO
YOU CRAVE A
SLAVE FOR THE
NIGHT?

NO.
TOURIST.
PASSING
THROUGH.

PERHAPS
I CAN --
Huh?

CRASH



NOBODY
MOVE! THIS IS
THE LAPD!

UNDER
SECTION C-UN/3
OF THE CALIFORNIA
EMERGENCY ACT
YOU'RE ALL UNDER
ARREST!

HANDS
BEHIND HEADS!
NOW!



GREEN ENERGY
READING OFF THE
&*%#IN' SCALE,
LIEUTENANT!

NO SHIT,
MEEKS -- THIS
IS A MAJOR
HIVE!

RRRAA

THERE!
THERE'S
ONE!

SNAAP



This
place is
WEIRD,
boss!

NO
KIDDING.
BUTTON.







WHAT -- WHO... ARE... YOU?

EVIL ERNIE.



HE'S A MYTH, JUST --

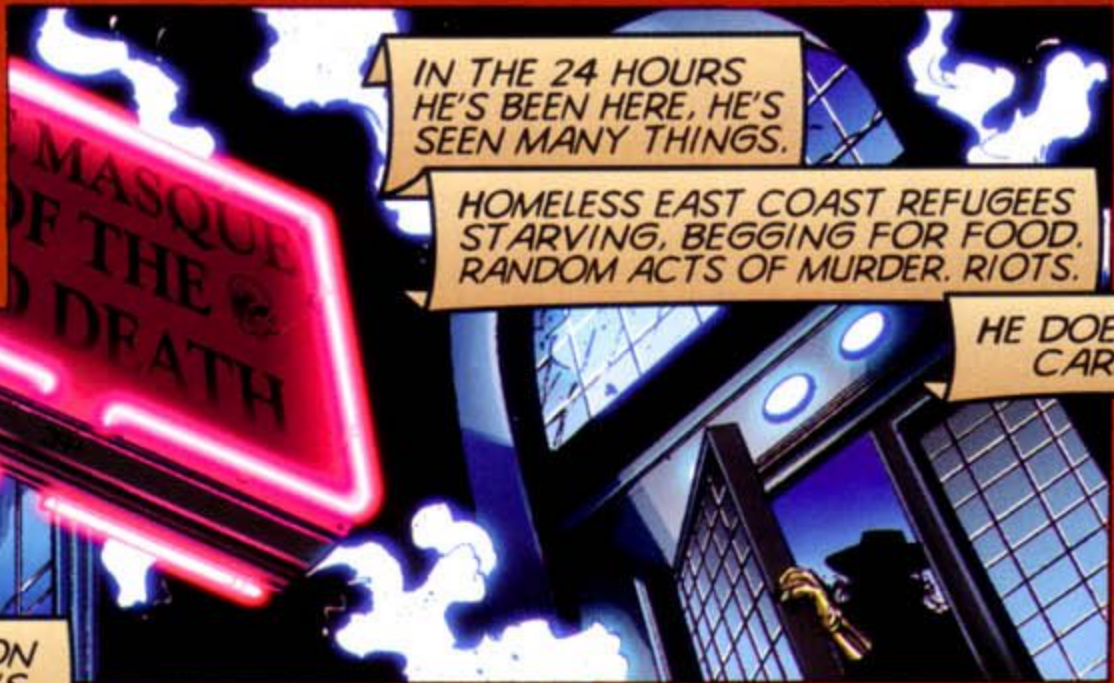
EEEEEE!!!



EEEEHHHHH...

A NIGHTMARE!

YOUR NIGHTMARE.



IN THE 24 HOURS HE'S BEEN HERE, HE'S SEEN MANY THINGS.

HOMELESS EAST COAST REFUGEES STARVING, BEGGING FOR FOOD. RANDOM ACTS OF MURDER. RIOTS.

HE DOESN'T CARE.

HE'S A STRANGER ON THE TOWN. AND HE'S HERE FOR ONE REASON...

I sense her, EVIL. She was HERE... somewhere.

HE'S HERE TO FIND THE WOMAN HE LOVES...

CHASTITY! She was here, boss!

BOSS! Evil?



EVIL?

KENTUCKY, TWO DAYS AGO.

LET'S GO DO SOMETHING, EVIL. THE MOON'S FULL AND I THOUGHT --

SSHHH!

Hubba-hubba, boss!

...MORE, WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM REPORTS CHINA HAS BROKEN OFF COMMUNICATION WITH NATO. NO FURTHER NEWS IS AVAILABLE CONCERNING THE STATE OF IRAQ. HOWEVER, THE NUCLEAR ATTACKS ON JOHANNESBURG AND SYDNEY HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED AND MILLIONS ARE DEAD. A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN RESPONDED TO THE CHINA QUESTION BY STATING --

-- IF THEY DO RETALIATE U.S. ARMED FORCES WOULD RESPOND IN KIND.

YESSS!

HE'S REALLY DONE IT -- HE'S STARTED **WWIII**.

EVIL -- YOU LOOK SOOO COOL.

BETTER MAKE THE MOST OF MY TIME WITH HIM NOW -- NO TELLING WHEN IT'LL ALL GO TO TOTAL HELL...

LOOK GOOD, TOO.

I DO?

UH-HUH.

Good enough too eat, BAY-BEE!

FOR A BUTT, YOU CERTAINLY KNOW HOW TO FLATTER A GIRL, SMILES.

Yee-hah!

...POLITICAL ANALYSTS INDICATE THE PROGNOSIS IS NOT GOOD. ARMED FORCES IN THE WESTERN STATES ARE AT DEF-CON 2. UNLESS PEACE TALKS CAN BE ARRANGED BEFORE THE SITUATION DETERIORATES FURTHER, WAR WITH CHINA SEEMS CERTAIN.

I DIG HIM SO MUCH!

Oh, ERNESTO -- WHY DO YOU HAVE TO DESTROY THE WORLD?

?

WRONG... LADY... DEATH... SHE LOVES ME TOO!

EVIL? WHAT'S UP? YOU'RE LOOKING AT ME LIKE I HAVE COOTIES... OR SOMETHING...

RRRRGGG!



SMAASH

LOVE? YES!

NOBODY LOVES ME, NOBODY CARES.

EVEN THE NEIGHBORS, THEY KNOW MOTHER AND FATHER BEAT ME BAD, BUT THEY DON'T DO ANYTHING.

WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO LOVE YOU FOREVER.

IT'S TIME YOU BECAME A MAN, ERNIE.





EVIL?
WHAT'S
WRONG?

RRRRGGG!

Chill out,
boss!



BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA

SWASH
BUSTLE



BUDDA BUDDA
BUDDA BUDDA

KEEP
DOWN!

MAYBE
THEY'VE SEEN
US.



NO WAY, WE'RE TOO
WELL HIDDEN. AND
THOSE GHOULS
HAVE HARDLY
MOVED.

SHOOTING'S
RANDOM. JUST ERNIE
PLAYING.

MAYBE
WE SHOULD
WAIT UNTIL DAWN
WHEN THE VAMPIRE'S
OUT OF THE
PICTURE?



NO -- NO MORE WAITING.
WE GO NOW, THEY'RE
DISTRACTED.

TIME TO
PUT THIS SUCKER
TO USE AND TAKE
HIM OUT ONCE AND
FOR ALL.

THIS BETTER
WORK. WE'VE
GOT TO DESTROY
FAIRCHILD BEFORE
THE CHINESE
LAUNCH THOSE
MISSILES.

REMEMBER WHAT I TOLD YOU, GUNHILL: DON'T LET THE POWER SOURCE DROP BELOW POINT .07 OR THE CELLS WON'T REGENERATE.

IF THE FREQUENCY'S RIGHT IT SHOULD EVAPORATE HIM ON A SUB-ATOMIC LEVEL.

LET'S KEEP OUR FINGERS CROSSED.

GOTCHA, LOFT.

YOU REALLY BELIEVE THE MODIFICATIONS WILL ATOMIZE ERNIE FOR GOOD THIS TIME?

LOVE IS STILL AN ALIEN FEELING TO "EVIL" ERNEST FAIRCHILD. BUT PAIN AND HATE ARE OLD COMPANIONS.

THE ENDLESS DAYS OF PAIN -- PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL -- INFLICTED UPON HIM BY HIS TWISTED PARENTS.

THE HATE THAT GREW FROM THAT PAIN. THE HATE THAT FUELS HIS DESIRE TO DESTROY...

WHAM

N-NOO!
NO, DAD,
PLEASE!

SUCH A
DISAPPOINTMENT,
BOY!

YOU MUST
BE PUNISHED,
ERNEST. IT'S THE
ONLY WAY YOU'LL
LEARN.

THE HATE THAT
SNAPPED A
YOUNG BOY'S
MIND...

HAHAHAHA!

THE HATE THAT
LED HIM TO KILL
HIS PARENTS AND
37 NEIGHBORS.

THE HATE THAT LED HIM
TO AN ASYLUM AND THE
EXPERIMENTS OF Drs.
PRICE AND YOUNG.

ZZZOLTZ

IT WAS CALLED NEUROTECH, AN EXPERIMENTAL DREAM PROBE, IT WAS DESIGNED TO PURGE VIOLENCE FROM THE SUBCONSCIOUS OF ITS PSYCHOTIC, HOMICIDAL SUBJECT.

SOMETHING WENT
WRONG. THE
PATIENT DIED.

ONLY TO BE REBORN
THROUGH THE INFLUENCE
OF LADY DEATH!



EVIL?
C'MON, LET'S
GO OUT AND
ENJOY THE
NIGHT.

FEEL
SOME-
THING.

YEAH, I
FEEL IT TOO --
AND IT FEELS
GOOD.

DON'T
WORRY ABOUT
IT -- EMOTIONS
CAN BE SCARY
SOMETIMES.

SOMEONE...
IN DEADMIND...
NOT DEAD
ONEZ.



SNAP OUT OF IT, MARY --
WE CAN'T WORRY ABOUT
BILLY NOW. WE'VE GOT TO
ANNIHILATE ERNIE. THIS
MAY BE OUR LAST
CHANCE.

BUT HE'S
STILL SO WEAK. I
DON'T LIKE LEAVING
HIM SO VULNERABLE
IN THE FACE OF
WAR.

GUNHILL
TO ALL UNITS --
IT'S TIME!

I...
DON'T FEEL...
SO GOOD
MYSELF...



ELSEWHERE...

BLOOD
WILL HAVE BLOOD.
BLOOD IS THE LIFE. LIFE
TRAVELS THROUGH
BLOOD.



THROUGH
THIS BLOOD I
CALL ON THEE,
WOMAN.

OPEN
YOURSELF
TO ME!



DON'T LIKE THIS. ALMOST TOO EASY. SO WHAT'S THE CATCH?



SIS -- YOU OKAY?



Uhuh!

MOVE IN!

GUNHILL MUST GET A DIRECT HIT ON HIS MID-SECTION.

PLEASE GOD -- LET IT WORK THIS TIME!



BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA

CHINK

CHINK

MY GOD!

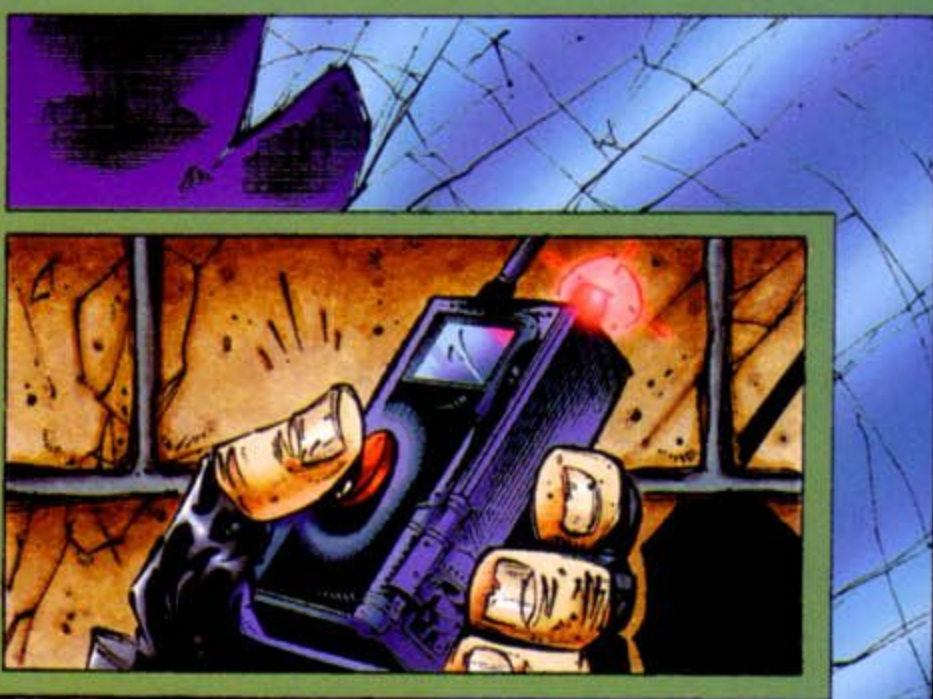
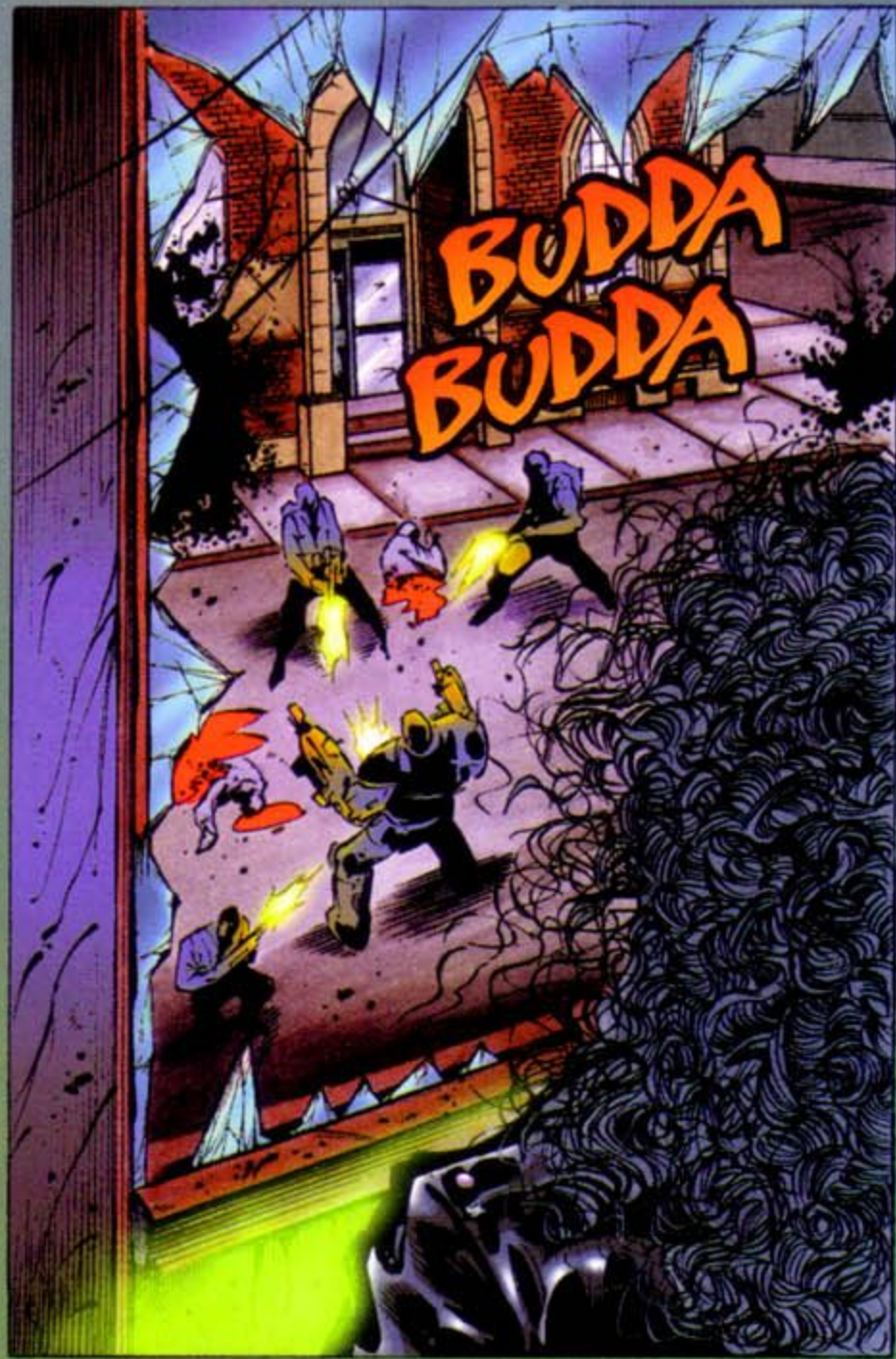


KLIK

AGH!

WOOSH







NOO -- NOT... YOU!

KAABLAAM

JUMP!

Yee-HAA!

ACK NOO!

Ahhhh!

NOOO!





FAIRCHILD!
YOU SONOF-
ABITCH!

THE
HUMANS
FROM
ATLANTA --
THE YOUNG
WOMEN.

KILL
'EM
ALL!

SHWOOSH

XXVVOOSSH

Arcane
Energy guns! --
Not good,
BOSS!

DOWN
CHAS!

WE'RE
STRONGER
NOW,
BUTTON!

FAIRCHILD!



Huh?

WHO?

@#%\$&*
me, boss!
what's
THAT?

LONG
HAVE I LOOKED
FORWARD TO THIS
DAY -- TO MEET
LADY DEATH'S
PLAY-THING

HER
"HERALD" OF
MEGA-
DEATH.

FOOLISH
CHILD -- SHE
CARES
NOTHING FOR
YOU.

BUT I --
I SHALL SAVOR
YOUR DESTRUCTION.
I AM YOUR
LIVING HELL!

CALL ME
PURGATORII!

ERNEST
FAIRCHILD --
THE "EVIL"
ONE.





YOU!
I'VE HEARD
OF YOU --

YESS!
PURGATORI!

LITTLE
VAMPIRE.
CHILD. COME
TO ME.



BAAM
I DON'T
THINK SO --
-ERG!-

SUCH
SPIRIT. BUT SO
INEFFECTUAL.



THE
GIRL IS
MINE, FAIR-
CHILD.

NOW
LET US SEE
HOW WORTHY
YOU ARE
HERALD OF
MEGA-
DEATH.

PUT
HER
DOWN!



WHERE
I GO -- YOU
FOLLOW.

UNLESS
YOU CARE
NOTHING FOR
THIS VAMPIRE
CHILD.

HA HA
HA HA!



CHASTITY!
Who was THAT bitch?
Don't like this evil! Where's Chas gone?



@#%\$%
THIS!
What now, boss?



GET AWAY, SMILEY --
CONNECT WITH CHAS.



DEAD ONEZ
RISE!

AGHH!
YYNNG!

CALL CHOPPER --
NOW.

AFFIRMATIVE,
EVIL ONE.

SMILEY --
WHERE CHASTITY?

Trying!



CHAS! Oh, Chas baybee --
we can't lose you now! Where? WHERE?

Concentrate.
CONCENTRATE!

LOS ANGELES.



She was here!

WHERE NEXT?

I dunno, boss.

THAT WAS TWO DAYS AGO.

HE'S A STRANGER ON THE TOWN. A STRANGER IN A STRANGE LAND -- AND HE DOESN'T LIKE IT --

KRASH



I KNOW THE ONE YOU'RE LOOKING FOR.

I KNOW WHERE SHE IS...

THE VAMPIRE -- CHASTITY. I KNOW WHERE SHE IS, FAIRCHILD.

AND I KNOW HOW YOU CAN DESTROY THE BITCH WHO TOOK HER FROM YOU.

AND I'LL HELP YOU -- BECAUSE I HATE HER AS MUCH AS YOU DO.



HA!
HE IS SO
GULLIBLE.

NOW
THE GAME
CAN TRULY
BEGIN!

AND
YOU, MY
DEAR, ARE THE
PRIZE -- A PRIZE --
HE CAN NEVER
WIN BACK!

NEXT:
LA WOMAN



THE CHAOS! TO COME

YOUR MONTHLY NEWS SOURCE ON ALL THINGS CHAOS! - JUNE '98



From The Crypt

The Covenant is coming

I can't begin to tell you how excited I am about this storyline because of its ramifications on the entire Chaos! Cosmos. Here is the overview: The Covenant is the storyline running through Lady Death #9-#12. It's written by David Quinn and illustrated by Steven Hughes and will premiere this September. Okay that's the overview. What am I so excited about?

The Covenant represents a shift in how we will be telling stories at Chaos! - and it is because of your letters to us. We are listening. This is how we came to this new direction: after sending out previews of The Omen #1, we received lots of mail. And one thing stood out, readers liked the human point of view of Morgan Galloway. You could relate to how he was feeling. We got a lot of that. It provided a contrast to the menacing, foreboding Armageddon to come or the mad insanity of Evil Ernie.

I brought that notion - a human point of view - to my weekly editorial meetings with David Quinn and Phil Nutman and we explored that hard and heavy. What we came up with is revolutionary in Chaos! history and begins in The Covenant, but instantly spreads through all Chaos! Cosmos books starting around September 1998. Check out Evil Ernie #4 for a big shocker. Check out Purgatori #3 for the same.

The Covenant is daring. It will take Chaos! to the next plateau of storytelling without sacrificing what you want: hard hitting, dark stories that dance on the edge. Also, The Covenant will not compromise what you love about our main characters Lady Death, Purgatori, Evil Ernie, Chastity, The Omen, Dead King, and the others. But do expect a shift.

What is the Covenant and what am I talking about exactly? I ain't tellin'.

Afraid of where we are heading? Don't be. It is simply the nature of Chaos! to evolve.

Sworn To The black,

-Brian Pulido

The Low Down

Chaos! Goes HOLLYWOOD

Recently, Chaos! prez Brian Pulido headed out to Hollywood with Adam Goldfine and Francisca Pulido to meet with head honchos at several key movie studios and video game developers. Though we won't name names, suffice to say that Chaos! is going critical mass in LA LA land. Some interesting stuff to note: our hottest properties right now are Evil Ernie, Dead King and The Omen. One director of acquisitions at a major, cutting edge studio loved Dead King's twisted action apocalypse. The possibilities are flying!

Brian also met up with Sean Cunningham, creator, director and producer of the Friday the 13th series at his stunning Tudor estate. "Meeting with Sean was a true honor," Pulido says. "He has lots of forward thinking ideas about the state of horror films. To exchange ideas with him was a dark delight." Will Sean Cunningham direct the Evil Ernie movie? It's too early to tell as Pulido meets with a host of directors to bring his undead baby to the silver screen.

Chaos! Charity Auction

Be sure to be at Wizard World Chicago (July 17-19, 1998) because the Chaos! crew will be in full effect. Not only will we be celebrating our fifth year anniversary - can you believe we been at this five years?! - we will be hosting a major charity auction event to benefit Literacy Volunteers of America. The auction will feature original artwork, scripts, merchandise and artifacts from key Chaos! creators like Brian Pulido, Steven Hughes, Phil Nutman, David Quinn, Kyle Hotz, Jason Jensen, David Brewer to just name a few.

The auction will tie in to a major party celebrating five years of Chaos!. Everyone is

invited to join! Call 1-800-690-1669 for more info.

THE OMEN DEAD KING Sell Out!

No sooner than two hours after its release, The OMEN #1 (of 5), the hot new series from Phil Nutman, Justiniano and Elizabeth Lewis sold out at the retail level across the country and in England. The pivotal series, foretelling a possible Armageddon in the Chaos! Cosmos is already climbing the industry's hot lists. Expect a trade paperback for those of you who missed out on the action to come in the fall. There is still time to pre-order The Omen #3-#5, so call your local comic shop now to pre-order.

The following week, DEAD KING #1 (of 4), by Hart Fisher, David Brewer and Roy Young came out and sold out instantly. Dead King, the story of an undead "hero" battling governmental demons in a zombie plagued Washington DC, is a likened to a billion dollar, supernatural version of Die Hard. There is still time to pre-order DEAD KING #3,#4, so call your local comic shop now to pre-order.

Chaos! Action Figures Win Awards

You can't keep a good action figure down. In the aftermath of achieving world record sales, the Chaos! Comics /Moore Action Collectibles action figure assortment is now sweeping the awards categories. Recently, the Evil Ernie action figure won the award for best action figure of 1997 from Go Figure magazine.

Lady Death® Sword

This fall Chaos! unveils its most anticipated product yet, Lady Death's sword, DARKNESS. Darkness is designed by Steven Hughes and crafted by one of the leading weapons manufac-

turers responsible for the licensed Hercules sword and swords for the Highlander television series. They made the knives for aliens IV, knives for The Prophecy and other key movie props. The sword will be made of stainless steel, with a killer combination gold and bronze finish. More details to follow!

Monthly Litho Series Coming In September

This September, Chaos! unveils a series of Archival quality lithographs illustrated by frequent Chaos! collaborator and Catwoman artist Jim Balent and colored by the talented Elizabeth Lewis (Lady death: Dragon Wars, The Omen). There will be four lithos in all, shipping one a month in the following order: Purgatori and foes, shipping in September, Chastity and foes shipping in October, Evil Ernie and foes shipping in November and Lady Death and foes shipping in December. Each litho will retail for twenty five dollars and is suitable for framing. They make a great gift idea for the holidays.

Chaos! Web Site Updated

We listened to you guys about how you would like to see the Chaos! web site updated and what works and what doesn't. So without further ado, keep checking in because our new, illustrious webmaster, Kyle is in the house and updating constantly (this guy is a machine!).

THE OMEN VEXED

Hot on the heel of the sold out, super hot series THE OMEN, Chaos! presents THE OMEN: VEXED a one shot shipping in September, written by Phil Nutman (The Omen), illustrated by Ed Benes (Wildcats, Artemis: Requiem) and colored by Elizabeth Lewis (The Omen). The story focuses on Vex, the mysterious and sensuous member of The Chosen. Vex - along with Lady death, Evil Ernie and Purgatori are drawn into the Necro-dimension of Nocturnus. By consuming their dreams

Nocturnus can consume their souls and in doing so will destroy the Chaos! Cosmos before it's time! To save herself, Vex must save those who would destroy earth and the universe as we know it - or destinies will be changed forever.

Upcoming Online Chats

All chats will be in the Chaos! chatroom @ chaoscomics.com at 9:00 pm EST. You need netscape to get on.

JULY

7th DAVID QUINN Topic - Purgatori
14th PHIL NUTMAN Topic - Chastity: Rocked

Watch this space for other upcoming special events!

Chaos! Covered In The Media

Be on the look out for interviews from Chaos! Comics publisher Brian Pulido in an upcoming issue of Comics Retailer, where he expresses his views on the state of the comic book industry (the future is in our hands). Also be on the lookout for the incredible SOD (Sounds of Death) magazine, the premiere death metal magazine. The mag features an Evil Ernie cover and a candid interview with Pulido. Finally be on the lookout for the Canadian Rue Morgue magazine, Canada's one stop horror mag, which will feature an awe inspiring Lady Death cover and in depth article on Pulido's views of horror movies and entertainment.

Quick News

Pick up Smiley #1 this month. Purgatori #1 is coming this September. Don't get left out in the cold. Pre-order now! Expect the unexpected in Evil Ernie #5 as the series takes a startling turn. Lady Death #9-#12 features the return of a certain omni-potent bad guy - but not how you would expect. David Quinn and Brian Pulido are working on Lady Death #17-#20 right now! Expect the Omen to get another series before the year is out. Dead King will absolutely show up in Evil Ernie in the new year. Chaos! staffer Steve Eckart was detained by authorities after he was found stealing pies from the local bakery. This was the one hundred and seventy-fifth time this has occurred. Doomsday has been rockin' Arizona of late. Pick up Rob Halford's new CD Two Voyeurs. It totally rules.

The Chaos! To Come Checklist

June '98

- Lady Death #6 \$2.95
- Evil Ernie Monthly #1 \$2.95
- The Omen #3 (of 5) \$2.95
- Dead King #3 (of 4) \$2.95
- Smiley One-Shot \$2.95
- Fiend Club Newsletter Vol. 4 #2

July '98

- Lady Death #7 \$2.95
- Evil Ernie #2 \$2.95
- The Omen #4(of 5) \$2.95
- Dead King #4(of 4) \$2.95
- Lady Death: Retribution \$2.95

August '98

- Lady Death #8 \$2.95
- Evil Ernie #3 \$2.95
- The Omen #5 (of 5) \$2.95
- Evil Ernie vs. The Superheroes II \$2.95
- Pandemonium: Deliverance

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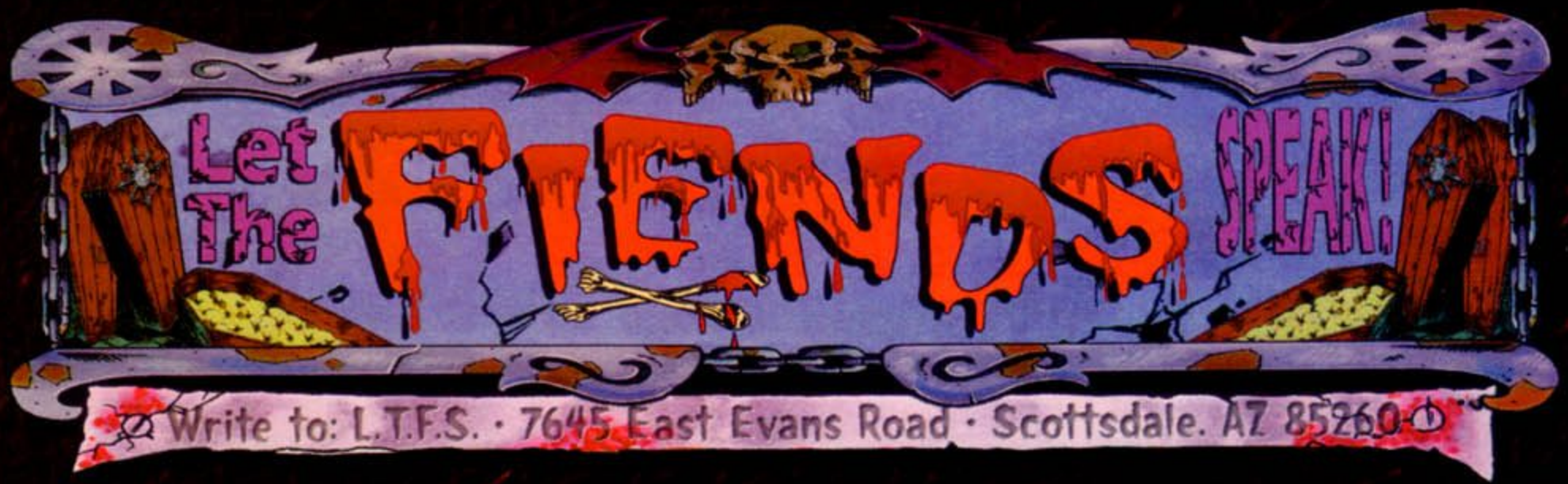
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Evil Ernie and Smiley The Psychotic Button have been traveling -- and not just through the pages of **Destroyer**, and now their on-going monthly book. Beyond being translated -- and selling out in their French and German editions - - Ernie and Smiley have kept me company on my global wanderings.

When I informed that gracious Fiend Among Fiends, the dynamic Chaos! President/Publisher and Mastermind of Darkness, Brian Pulido, we were planning a trip to Africa to celebrate our first wedding anniversary, he encouraged me to take a box of Chaos! Comics along to give as gifts to friends.

No sooner said than done! After all, Chaos! is spreading across the globe, and as we all know, Armageddon is coming (and I don't mean the Bruce Willis movie).

So I'd like to share with you extracts from my travel diary...

Wandering back to the hotel, I was nearly hit by a car when I stopped dead in the middle of a busy intersection -- there in front of me, in the window of a comic book store was the **Evil Ernie Destroyer** promo poster! As was the Evil Ernie statue and the Chaos! action figure line.

Welcome to France. Chaos! is everywhere.



8 APRIL 1998

Mount Longonot, Kenya, East Africa.

My last copy of **Destroyer** #6 is in my backpack and the crater rim of this dormant volcano is finally in sight.

We left the Great Rift Valley before sun-up to get here before the heat gets too intense. It's only 9:30 AM, but I'm out of breath due to the incline and the thin air (we are over 8,000 feet above sea level).

On reaching the crater rim I spy an incongruous picnic table. I unload my backpack, remove the copy of **Destroyer** for a Kodak moment, and bend to tie my bootlace.

A sudden scampering noise makes me jump. I look up to see a frenetic baboon rushing away from me.

"Hey! Come back here, you darn monkey!"

The baboon has swiped the copy of **Destroyer** and is barreling down the foot path.

My wife, writer Anya Martin, appears, asking what's wrong.

"A baboon just stole my **Destroyer**!"

The baboon stops a ways down the dirt track clutching his new possession, throws us a quick glance, then vanishes down the steep incline into the lush, Lost World-like interior of the crater.

We laugh.

"I don't think this is what Brian had in mind when he said 'Keep spreading Chaos! around the world'..."

As I sit in my Atlanta office two months later, I can't help wondering if that incident is going to have a major evolutionary effect.

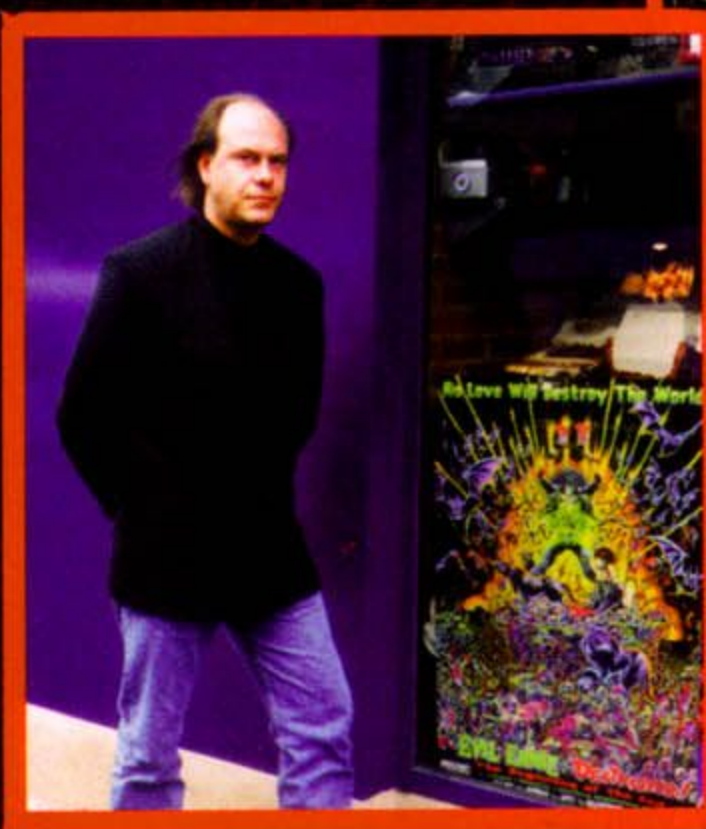
Could that copy of **Destroyer** be the baboon equivalent of the Monolith in the movie **2001: A Space Odyssey**? Will it trigger a quantum leap in monkey development? Has the Chaos! Mail Order Department received a back issue order from Kenya? Are baboons trying to figure out the printing process?

Maybe **Planet of the Apes** wasn't the fantasy of a French writer after all.

Perhaps it was a vision of the future beyond Armageddon...

All for now. We look forward to your letters.

Philip Nutman
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Arrived in Paris tired and spaced out after our overnight flight. Got to the Hotel Le Matin ready to collapse into bed, but our room wasn't ready. Dumped our bags and went to grab breakfast at a cafe.